

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018** at City Hall with Mayor Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Hallberg, Carroll, Echard, and Muehlbauer. Halvorson was absent.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-09-2018 Setting the Date for Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$400,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The hearing date is Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The loan is a disaster loan offered by FEMA for loss of revenue as a result of the July 19, 2017 tornado and is potentially a forgivable loan. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to schedule a hearing date for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for Plans, Specifications, Opinion of Cost and Form of Contract for the Pedestrian Bridge Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Notice of an open house for public review of preliminary FIRM and FIS flood hazard maps was provided. The open house will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Clayton County Office Building. The clerk and any interested officials will attend the meeting of elected officials earlier that afternoon.

A quote for valve replacement at the sewer plant was reviewed. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the bid from F.L. Krapfl Inc for \$17,499. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The personnel committee provided a proposed offer of employment to Dale Echard for the wastewater/street maintenance position. Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to offer the position for 32 hours with full time status at \$18.50 per hour with a 50 cent raise following 60 day review with all standard benefits of full time employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Hallberg, Muehlbauer. Abstain – Echard. Motion carried. The current affidavit operator would remain at his current rate then go on a retainer rate of \$350 per month after the plant repairs have been made. Mayor Troester discussed a proposal from the personnel committee to consider some additional incentives for employees. He commended the committee for making these recommendations. Stipends of \$20 per day were discussed for employees on call for sewer rounds on weekends. The employee handbooks will be revised to include this for consideration at the September 19 meeting. Halvorson joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Carroll moved to give Public Works Director Ren Pape a wage increase of \$1.50 per hour. Seconded by Hallberg. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Mayor Troester opened the floor for discussion regarding council goals and priorities in several areas of focus within the community. Infrastructure, Housing, Economic Development, Culture and Recreation, and Services were considered. Priority was placed on sewer plant maintenance and operational improvements. The brick street around triangle park is in very poor condition

and potential historic funding will be researched. The City will continue to encourage MMU to replace aged water mains whenever street sections and sewer mains are being reconstructed as a way to cut costs. Additionally, the council considered scheduling a meeting with MMU board members to discuss ways in which MMU and the City may be able to provide more efficient and cost effective services to the community. Several housing concerns were mentioned including continued marketing of Ohmer Ridge lots, redevelopment of downtown upper floor housing, downtown senior housing close to amenities. Economic development concerns are getting the Sullivan Opera House project completed, community support for the library expansion/community center building, continued clean up of the riverfront and continued collaboration with the chamber. Mayor Troester will contact the consultant who had worked on the hotel concepts and had been working with Trilogy. Culture and Recreation goals are to begin writing grants in 2019 for the splash pad and other improvements at Turner Park with construction during 2020. Mayor Troester will reach out to Legion officials to further the Veteran's Memorial at Cannon Park and to replace the flagpole near the legion building that the tornado had destroyed. Trail development will continue in sections. The first segment opening will be held on September 29. A managed deer hunt will be held this fall in conjunction with Pikes Peak. Status of the nuisance list will be brought to the September 19 meeting. Once a new chief of police is in place the city will begin work with the department to remove unlicensed vehicles and to address traffic concerns.

With no further business to discuss Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lyle J Troester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator